

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed January 25, 2008 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 1-30 are pending. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner's consideration of the preceding amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended to address the objections to the drawings. More particularly, reference numerals 50a and 70e have been added to the specification in the paragraph bridging pages 9 and 10. That paragraph already mentions the smaller radius  $r$ , which is now annotated with 50a, and also the larger radius  $R$ , which is now annotated with 70e. In the paragraph bridging pages 11 and 12, a typographical error has been corrected to change "42c" to "44c" regarding the gap. The reference numeral 42c appears elsewhere and properly refers to the path that leads in to the gap. Accordingly, new drawing are not required, and the Applicant respectfully requests that the objection under 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) be withdrawn.

Claim 1 has been amended to include two steps, which were characterized by the Office Action as being essential. The claim now recites clamping the thermoformer's platens to clamp a shroud over the heated sheet onto the vented platform. The claim now further includes: thermoforming the sheet. Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that claims 1-30 would be allowable if the Section 112 objections were addressed.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims 1-30 now pending in the application are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no additional fees or charges are currently due. However, in the event that any additional fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the application, they may be charged to applicant's representatives Deposit Account No. 50-1433.

Respectfully submitted,

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